



**ADMISSION  
INFORMATION**

**Eckerd<sup>SM</sup>  
Academy**

**Eckerd Academy.org**



397 Culbreath Road | Brooksville, Florida 34602

Admissions (800) 914-3937 | F (727) 442-5911

[EckerdAcademy.org](http://EckerdAcademy.org)

Thank you for your interest in Eckerd Academy and for allowing us to provide assistance as you're researching appropriate therapeutic programs for your child. Eckerd Academy is specifically designed to help boys 10 – 17 years of age leave their troubled pasts behind and reach their full potential. Our program focuses on building self-confidence, developing respect for self and others, accepting personal responsibility and making good decisions. It features a stimulating, activity-rich environment with a strong, positive group culture and individualized academics.

A comprehensive range of services is provided to children and adolescents – group therapy, fully accredited education, family therapy and recreational, vocational and prescriptive therapies. Parents participate in a parent education group, as well as family conferences. Through our program, parents learn techniques to strengthen their relationship with their child, as well as strategies for easing the transition back home.

A large majority of youth in our program graduate with considerable gains in self-concept and confidence. Most make significant educational gains in reading and math (more than 2 years gain on average). These are tremendous achievements for youths who were previously spiraling downward.

We are available to personally assist you through the admissions process:

- The first step is to complete the admissions application, which is available in this packet and also [online](#).
- Upon receipt of the application, an admissions counselor will be in touch with you to conduct a preliminary admissions screening within one business day.
- Your child's clinical information will then be needed for our clinical team to conduct a formal screening. The records can be faxed to Francene Hazel, Admissions Coordinator at (727) 442-5911 or mailed to Eckerd Academy at the address on this letterhead.
- Once our clinical team determines the appropriateness of our program for your child, you may be asked to complete a financial application. Your admissions counselor will explain what is needed to complete the financial application.
- The admissions process from receipt of application to program acceptance typically takes 1-3 business days, (longer if documents are sent through the mail).

Please do not hesitate to give us a call at (800) 914-3937 if you have any questions. We appreciate your interest in Eckerd Academy, and look forward to working with you in finding the best help and hope for your child.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Francene Hazel".

Francene Hazel  
Admissions Coordinator

P.S. Please note that although we have included an admissions application in this packet, we have an online application available at [EckerdAcademy.org](http://EckerdAcademy.org). Simply go to the admissions page and click on the "[Apply Online](#)" button.

For over 40 years, Eckerd Academy has helped thousands of youth with emotional and behavioral challenges reach their full potential. A highly effective, nationally-accredited residential treatment center, Eckerd Academy utilizes Eight Essential Elements to help students achieve positive change: strength-based focus; individualized therapeutic plans; individualized academics (from remedial to honors); enriched settings filled with high interest activities; positive role modeling and encouragement; therapeutic group living; stringent safety standards; and family support services that strengthen parent-child relationships.

### Campus

Located in Brooksville, FL just 45 minutes north of Tampa.

### Student Profile

Boys ages 10-17 who exhibit any of the following: low self-esteem, low motivation, poor decision making, impulsivity, susceptibility to negative peer pressure, parent/child relationship problems, defiance of authority, refusal to take responsibility for behavior, refusing to go to school or suspension, confrontational behavior, drug or alcohol experimentation or abuse, adoption issues, social alienation, anger management, grief/loss and depression.

### Common Diagnoses

ADD, ADHD, depression, ODD, bi-polar disorder, substance abuse, learning disorder, impulse control disorder, social anxiety, as well as many learning disabilities.

### Therapeutic Highlights

- Positive non-punitive peer culture
- Individualized treatment and academic plans
- Psychiatrist for medication management
- Weekly individual, group and family counseling
- Weekly Substance Abuse Group
- Aftercare and follow-up
- Experiential trips—museums, nature hikes, canoe trips & more

### Academic Highlights

- Accredited on-campus school with outstanding certified teachers
- Curriculum meeting all state and national education guidelines
- State-of-the-art instructional technology including online computer labs, electronic libraries and Classworks™, an award-winning reading and math tool that boosts student achievement
- Outstanding average gains in reading, math and language of more than two years measured by Woodcock-Johnson III Tests of Achievement
- Learning styles, intelligence inventories and one-on-one tutoring utilized

### Licenses, Certifications and Memberships

- Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children, Inc (COA)
- National Association of Therapeutic Schools and Programs (NATSAP)
- Southern Association of Colleges & Schools - Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI)
- National Association of Therapeutic Wilderness Camps (NATWC)
- SEVIS Approved

### For More Information

**P** (800) 914-3937

**E** [admissions@eckerd.org](mailto:admissions@eckerd.org)

Eckerd Academy features an on-campus, accredited school that is part of a comprehensive educational program. Our educational program provides a positive, nurturing and challenging educational environment for youth who have difficulty functioning in a traditional school setting. For many of the youth that we serve, underlying emotional issues negatively affect their academic performance. At Eckerd Academy, our certified educators partner with our counselors and parents in developing an individualized academic plan that focuses on each child's specific academic issues and works hand-in-hand with his therapeutic treatment plan.

### Individualized Attention for Each Child

Our educational model combines experiential learning (learning by doing), classroom instruction, and individual and small group instruction to meet the individual needs of each child. The model supports a low-student-to-teacher ratio, which means increased individualized attention and the ability to tailor the most effective approach to educating your child.

### Highly Trained, Highly Committed, Certified Teachers

Our teachers are state-certified and have extensive training. Many have completed additional training to meet the needs of children with learning disabilities or other academic challenges. They are facilitators, guiding children to explore new experiences, reflect on what they are learning, draw their own conclusions and integrate what they have learned into future experiences. Our dedicated teachers thrive on helping each child develop an improved attitude toward learning and education, as well as succeed academically.

### State-of-the-Art Technology in Instruction Settings

Although our setting is somewhat rural, our students have access to the latest in technology. Our campus features a well-equipped and on-line computer lab that the students utilize to further their education. Students also visit the on-campus library twice per week to supplement their studies or for recreational reading.

### Individual and Small Group Instruction

Many of the youth we serve have experienced limited success in traditional classroom settings. They seem to thrive, however, with our one-on-one, small group and peer instruction approach. All children who need additional attention are provided one-on-one remediation both during and outside of small group sessions. Classroom behaviors and academic skills for traditional classrooms are also practiced and reinforced to ensure success when they return to their community schools.

### Assessment Driven/Individualized Academic Planning

Upon entering the program, each student is evaluated using the Woodcock-Johnson III Tests of Achievement. Assessment results are used to develop an individualized academic plan for each child, including addressing special education needs. Staff members continually evaluate progress and modify instruction to accommodate each child's preferred learning style. Individualized academic goals are intended to successfully transition each child to a home school, high school graduation, GED preparation, college, and employability exploration or career placement, when appropriate. Upon graduation from Eckerd Academy, students are re-evaluated to precisely measure their academic progress. Our typical student averages reading and math gains of more than two years.

### Well-Rounded, Accredited Curriculum

Our curriculum is aligned with all state and national Department of Education guidelines. Courses focus on English, math, science, social studies, reading, health, PE and the arts. Students also receive instruction in independent living, home economics, community service and current events. Through individual and small group instruction provided in a variety of indoor and outdoor settings, students typically receive five hours of instruction daily.

Course objectives are taught through experiential and thematic instruction. Experiential learning is learning by doing and thematic instruction is the presentation of course objectives through broad topics or themes of student interest. High-interest activities that complement the theme give youth the opportunity to apply their learning and increase their interest in the curriculum. Opportunities for learning are not confined by schedules, environment or setting. Everything in the daily life of the child has potential to be an educational experience. "Teachable moments" are integrated throughout the entire day's activities. Many students leave our programs with a renewed enthusiasm for learning.

Eckerd Academy is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI), the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children (COA), and Praesidium.

### Course Credits & Promotion

Students can earn up to a maximum of eight (8) academic credits per school year and an additional two (2) credits during the summer term. Students through grade 8 may be promoted to the next highest grade at the end of the spring semester or summer semester, providing that they have completed four courses with a grade of 70% or higher, and have been enrolled in the course for one school year, or 180 school days.

Students in grades 9 and above may be promoted to the next highest grade at the end of the spring semester or summer semester, providing that they have earned six credits at the end of 9th grade (including one credit for both English and mathematics) or the equivalent for grades 10, 11, and 12. A single credit may be earned by completing one course with a grade of 70% or higher, if the student has been enrolled in the course for one school year, 180 school days, or 150 clock hours.

If a student was enrolled in a course at another educational facility prior to entering the program, the work from that course may be used to meet promotional requirements. The opportunity to earn credit for various specialized high school courses will be determined on an individual basis.

We understand financing treatment is an important issue for many families. That's why we have several options available to assist families in funding treatment for their child. In addition, you may also want to consult your tax advisor regarding the possibility of tax deductions regarding your child's treatment.

### Low-Interest Loans

We are pleased to offer assistance in securing low-interest loans for your child's stay at the Eckerd Academy campus. Loans are offered through our financing partner, Clark Behavioral Health Financing, and this is often the most affordable way for families to enroll their children because payments can be spread over a period of time - rather than incurring tuition cost all at once.

For more information call us at (800) 914-3937. You may also visit Clark Behavioral Health Financing website for more information and an online application form, as well as a interactive loan calculator, which will help you estimate what your monthly payments could be.

### Private Funding

Educational loans are not for every family and some choose to pay for the treatment themselves. Some families have saved for college, but now feel their child may not make it through high school without residential treatment assistance. Once our clinical team determines the appropriateness of our program for your child, you may be asked to complete a financial application. Your admissions counselor will explain what is needed to complete the financial application.

Please note that your financial application is a confidential document that is held in our Business Office. It is evaluated only after a decision is made whether your child is appropriate for admission. Upon acceptance into our program, we will need a deposit of one month's tuition prior to admittance. The deposit will be applied to the last month of treatment. Invoices are mailed monthly at the beginning of each month. For your convenience, we also accept VISA, MasterCard and American Express.

Families who prepay at least 6 months of tuition are eligible for a 10% prepayment discount.

# *“I Prayed for a Miracle and Eckerd Was It.”*

— An Eckerd Academy **SUCCESS STORY**

Spending time with her son was no longer enjoyable. They fought continuously. She was even afraid of him. But all that changed when her son Dan went to Eckerd Academy where they both found help and hope.

## **Here's the story of one mother**

“I was in the kitchen one day last week and Dan came in. We discussed our work schedules and so forth and then he just stood there for a moment with a thoughtful look on his face. So, I said ‘What?’ He replied that the next day was his one-year anniversary to be home from Eckerd. I was flooded with a million emotions and thoughts and didn’t know what to say, so I replied with ‘Wow.’

Wow that it had been a year, Wow that he remembered the date and Wow what a road we’d been on. I couldn’t help but think that a year and a half ago, we wouldn’t have even been having a conversation. I looked at him and remembered the angry, hurt and confused kid that he had been. I can’t tell you how proud I am of the young man that stood before me.

Dan is planning to return to his original high school for his last semester. He wants to graduate from there, but largely he says, to let them see what he has become. He knows that many of the faculty had written him off, but he wanted to show them that a kid can turn around.

Dan has decided on a college for next year and is very excited about it. He is working on his application and entrance essay now. Before Eckerd, it was doubtful that he’d ever graduate from high school, much less go to college.

He got a job, and has never missed a day or been late. I overheard his boss the other day thanking him for always being the one they can depend on.

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— Susan, mother of Eckerd Academy graduate

Dan and three of his best friends have a band. They have gone into the studio recently to begin getting some of their music down for a CD he will put out.

As for friends, he has many. I know them all and like them. He talked one kid into going to his parents and getting help for a drug problem, another to ask for help with emotional problems.

Sending him to Eckerd was by far the hardest thing I’ve ever done and by far the best. Dan learned so much in his short time there and it was exactly what he needed. The people there taught him to like himself and have confidence.

They taught him that he could succeed. I think he realized that his life would be what he made of it. He also told me before he left that he loved me for having sent him there and was proud that I had been strong enough to do it.

Dan has actually taught me a few things about settling matters by talking them out... even if it took all night until we came to an agreement or compromise.

Without the Eckerd program he would not have found his way to becoming the man he is and will be. I am so very proud of what he has done and the way he has chosen to live his life.

He is a success.

Warm regards,”

— Susan A.



# Application for Admission Admissions (800) 914-3937

SUBMIT APPLICATION AND REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS TO:  
Eckerd Academy, 397 Culbreath Road, Brooksville, Florida 34602 OR Fax: (727) 442-5911

## YOUTH INFORMATION

Application Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_

SSN: \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Male

Race:  African-American  Asian  Caucasian  Hispanic  Native American  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Specify)

County of Referral: \_\_\_\_\_

## REFERRAL SOURCE INFORMATION

Referral Source Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Ext: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Referral Type** (Choose One)

Church  
 Court/Youth Service  
 Family  
 Health Services  
 Hospital  
 Psychiatrist  
 Psychologist  
 Residential Treatment  
 School  
 Social Serv./M.H. Agency  
 Social Worker (Pvt. Practice)  
 Youth Organization

## LEGAL CUSTODIAN AND PRIMARY CONTACT

Salutation:  Mr.  Mrs.  Miss  Ms.  Dr.  Mr. & Mrs.

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Does youth live with this person(s)?  Yes  No

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Other Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Type:  Beeper  Cellular  Fax  Friend  Relative

**Relationship to Youth**

Parent(s)  
 Stepparent  
 Stepsibling  
 Foster Parent  
 Grandparent  
 Guardian Ad Litem  
 Legal Guardian  
 Neighbor  
 Sibling  
 Social Service Caseworker (Foster Care)  
 Other Relative

## OTHER EMERGENCY CONTACT

Salutation:  Mr.  Mrs.  Miss  Ms.  Dr.  Mr. & Mrs.

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Does youth live with this person(s)?  Yes  No

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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 Other Relative

## HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION

Health Insurance Co.: \_\_\_\_\_ Ins. Co. Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Group Insurance: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Holder: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Holder SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

## PHYSICAL HEALTH INFORMATION

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Medication(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Conditions/Impairments: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Additional information such as the child's medical history, educational records and clinical information will be required to evaluate this application. Admissions representatives will assist you in compiling all information needed.

No person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to unlawful discrimination under any program or activity receiving or benefiting from federal financial assistance administered by Eckerd. Foreign language and sign-language interpreters will be made available at no charge to the client. This school is authorized under Federal law to enroll nonimmigrant students. Eckerd is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, equal opportunity employer.



# Financial Application *(Confidential)*

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Eckerd Academy, 397 Culbreath Road, Brooksville, Florida 34602 OR Fax: (727) 442-5911

THE PURPOSE FOR THE FOLLOWING FINANCIAL INFORMATION IS TO ASSESS THE ABILITY OF THE FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE PARTY(IES) TO AFFORD THE COST OF THE PROGRAM.

## YOUTH INFORMATION

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## FINANCIALLY/LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security : \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B.: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to Youth: \_\_\_\_\_

## CO-FINANCIALLY/LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security : \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B.: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to Youth: \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. ACCOUNT(S) WHICH WILL BE UTILIZED AS A FUNDING SOURCE(S):

- Annual Income
- Mutual Funds
- Stocks & Bonds
- Checking/Savings Account
- Loan
- Retirement Fund
- Trust Fund
- College Fund
- Other Assets \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Specify)

2. PLEASE ATTACH COPIES OF YOUR LATEST TAX RETURN OR ANY STATEMENTS TO VERIFY FUNDING SOURCES INDICATED ABOVE (such as Mutual Funds, Savings Accounts, etc).

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### 3. Total Annual Income:

### Annual Expenses:

Salary, (Household) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Rent / Mortgage \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other Income \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Payments \_\_\_\_\_

Total Annual Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other Expenses \_\_\_\_\_

Total Annual Expenses: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## ASSETS

4.

Item	Present Market Value	Balance Owed
Home	_____	_____
Other Assets	_____	_____

Financial Accounts:

Savings & Checking Accounts \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Investments \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Retirement Accounts \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other Financial Accounts \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# Eckerd Academy Financial Application Continued

(Confidential)

Youth's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please note any unusual circumstances not specifically noted in this application. A deposit of the last month's payment is required at time of admission. You will be required to sign a payment agreement at the time of admission. It is our policy to send any delinquent accounts to a collection agency. The collection agency will report any delinquencies to the National Credit Bureau.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## PLEDGE

I (We) declare that the information reported on this form, to the best of our knowledge and belief, is true, accurate and complete. I (We) authorize Eckerd Academy to obtain a credit report. I (We) authorize Eckerd Academy to contact the above employer(s) to verify accuracy of the employment information provided. I (We) further authorize the employer(s) to release such information to Eckerd Academy.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Responsible Party

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Responsible Party / Co-signer

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_